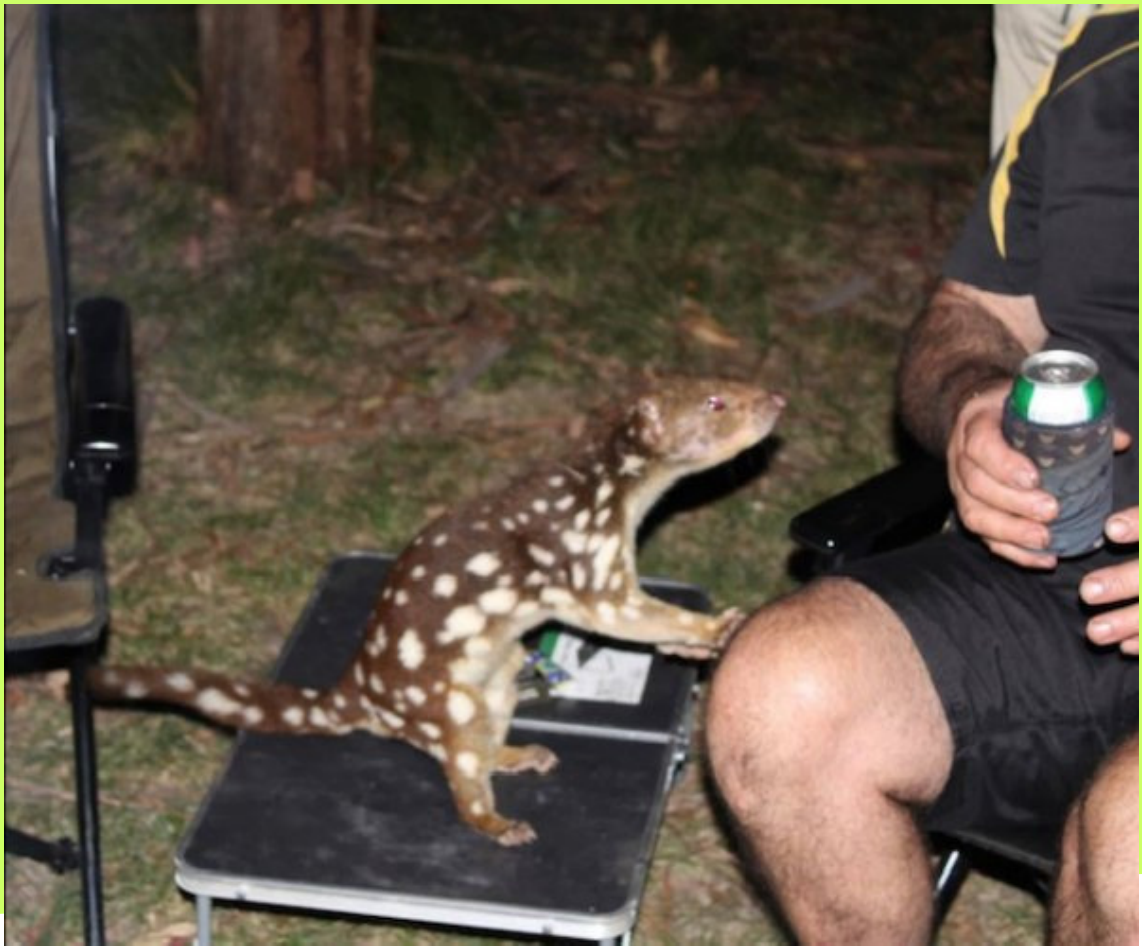
Tamworth 4WD Club Newsletter - OCT 2025

Club Meetings - 2nd Monday each month. 6:30pm at
St Johns Hall. 72 Napier Street, Tamworth.
(Diagonally opposite Anzac Park).

Last meeting : Mon 13th Oct 2025. 6:30pm.

Next meeting : Mon 10th Nov 2025. 6:30pm.



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2025-2026 Committee

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Editors Dribblings

Hi Everyone,

We had a fantastic trip over the long weekend; two trip reports included.

TJM have a state-wide (nation-wide?) open day this Saturday.
Tamworth TJM have invited the club down to bring two to five vehicles to show during their open day morning with a sausage BBQ happening. Contact Col if you would like to put your 4wd on display.
Will need to be there at around 8:45am to around lunch time-ish.

As Graeme always says, Keep the Sunny side up

-Editor

Meeting started	6:35pm	6 members. 0 visitors.
Chair:	Colin	Temperature : warmer than last month.
Apologies	Katrina, Leanne, Chrissy.	Rain? : No.
Minutes true & correct.	Dave.	

Business Arising
-Christmas in July. Put off yet again. See General business.
-Dave : Submitted radio ad to 88.9 & 99.5 FM on 1/Oct. Zero reply and zero heard on radio.
-Join a 4wd club' cards : Colin graciously dropped off to TJM. ARB still to do.
-CVS , re new membership. Given up

Financials.
Working Acc: $970.32
Reserve Acc: $2604.80
All clothing items have now been paid for—thankyou to all.

Correspondence in
-Oct Association Newsletter.
-Dubbo trips
-TJM open day.

Correspondence Out
-Sep Club Newsletter
-Oct Association Newsletter

General Business
-Further discussion regarding Christmas in July. Was wet, not too hot. Postponed. Possibly a quic social weekend one weekend.
-TJM open day, this Saturday 18th. 9am to lunch.Invite to have 2-5 vehicles on stand for the morning.
-The Clubs 50 years, ideas to be tossed around on what to do. Combined Christmas in July (?)
We aren't quite as fancy as other clubs hitting their 50th.
-Discussion around Life Membership, and the Associations method of introducing a by-law into our Constitution regarding life members active/inactive. This is to stay in General Business until our next AGM to be nominated as a discussion & voting item.

Trips

Attunga Forest recky day trip. (Paul) To be announced as a day outing.
Probably sooner than later. Announcement may be on the Facebook group.

Coffs Harbour Trip – Paul. Date to be set
Mountains and Pebbly Beach.

Taylors Arm – Paul. Date to be set.

January Long weekend 2026 - The Farm
At this stage , the Farm is booked in for January Long-weekend.
Forbes River Road, right along side the beautiful Forbes River, on private property.

Date to be set later in the year.— Christmas-in-July at Wallabadah.
Ho hum. Was wet. Now is too hot.
Postponed for 2025.

Meeting closed 7:00pm,

October Long Weekend

Trip Report

Well trip started meeting everyone except Bushy at East Macca's.

When everyone had arrived, we set off for Gloucester via the cutting to Nowendoc, met Bushy just before Nowendoc.

We then travelled to Gloucester, stopping at Barrington to top up on fuel, we made our way to the road that goes through the mountains to Dingo Tops. Just outside of Bundook toward Mount George we came across our first problem, the road was closed. Colin drove down the road to see if we were able to get through and found this

After assessing the situation, it was not crossable, the river was still flowing quite well and there was nowhere we would be able to exit the river plus it was quite deep.

So, we went back to the rest of the group and turned them all back around.

We took back roads toward Wingham, just before Wingham we turned and drove through National parks and State forests to Dingo Tops campground, this was a long but surprisingly peaceful trip. We stopped for a toilet break, something to eat and to look at the historical steam engine there

From there we headed along Knodding Bull road to Maxwell Flat Campground where we set up camp for the night.

The next day we set off for the Cells, it had been a long time since we had been there so we couldn't remember the right road to take. We turned down a track which turned out to be quite steep and very interesting in places. We finally came across the right road, after a few creek crossings and one Redbelly Blacksnake that didn't want to move at first, we got to the Hilton.

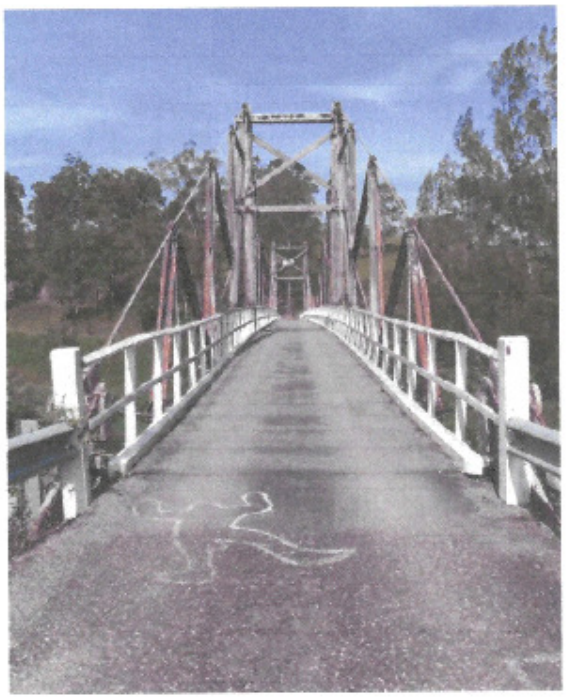
The track we took years before to drive out was very overgrown and had not been driven for a long time, so we headed up the hills from the Hilton, again very steep and a bit loose in places. We came back out on Knodding Bull Road, headed for the Oxley Highway. Turned on a track that brought us out at the rest area jus down from Gingers Greek, we had lunch and gave the kids time to burn off a bit of energy, then headed to gingers creek to top up the vehicles again (not that we needed fuel, but to ensure the fuel station there remains open for travelers). They are still repairing the damage from storms and landslides on the highway. We then head back toward Walcha and turned off into Fenwick Road, driving through the

Fenwick State Forest, where we took the opportunity to collect a bit of firewood, we then turned onto Cobcroft Road, we stopped at Mooraback Campground for a short break.

Then it was onto Brushy Mountain Campground for the night. There we found a friend in the form of a Spotted Quoll

He or She really liked Colin, even sitting up on his chest at one stage.

The next morning, we headed for Wauchope, we were looking for a "short cut" to Long Flat that Colin had been told about, looking for Kindee Bridge.



The bridge sort of freak out one of the younger guys, he said he could fell it moving.

Stopped at long flat for a toilet break, then headed up the mountain toward home,

So, all in all it was a good weekend with a few long drives.

Ricky in his Defender had an issue with his alternator and went into Wauchope to visit a friend,

Bushy broke an upper mount on his suspension and left us at Brushy mount to go back to the highway so he didn't have to drive it up the mountain.

Hamish in the Hilux had an issue with his water pump leaking causing the vehicle to overheat.

Colin would like to thank all who came along, 7 vehicles was amazing to have you all there and hope you all had a good time.

See you all next time hopefully.

Trip report by Col.

Col's Gloucester to Werrikimbe trip via back roads. Trip report by Dave.
At around 8:30 on Saturday of the October long weekend, six vehicles left Tamworth and headed to our pre-determined meet up location being thunderbolts way and top dale road. Upon arrival the alternator on Ricks 300tdi disco had left the chat. Solar charging it was, and for the rest of the weekend swapping charge and using either battery. We left this intersection right on 10:30 and headed towards Gloucester where most of us fueled up in the township of Barrington. Heading towards dingo tops saw us changing our plans at the Tipan river bridge, as it was no longer there and the road closed. Dave discovered that his rear driver side top shock mount had left the chat and there was nothng for it other than removing the entire shock and remote reservoir. A ~80k (?) detour was taken and arrived at the other side about two hours later. During this part of the drive, the Hilux had to pull over and cool down as it was overheating from to a slow coolant leak. Arriving at an empty Maxwells flat at 4pm brightened spirits after a long day in the dast. A brilliant clear night, the ISS was spotted over head in the near full moon light by Rick and I, and we had great delight in watching it go overhead. Perfect timing.

"Packed and ready to go by 6:30" was the joke call from Colin all night.
Jokes on him as I awoke at 6:17am , seemed to be hours before daylight eventually broke, and I could have easily been ready.... Went for a 30 min walk down the track on the other side of the creek, back to the fire to stoke it, had a cuppa, sat and read. An hour later Tim was the next up.
A slow breaky and packup and we were away by 9:30. Headed into the cells river and looked at the Hilton shack; Short walk down the river to the waterfall but didn't get to the bottom. Drive out was via Eaglesnest to stockyard creek. Track steep and reminiscent of some of the tracks within the Vic High Country. Lunch at 1pm at Stockyard Creek picnic area on the Oxley Highway. Few klicks down the road and into Werrikimbee National Park, with a long slow 50 odd klicks into brushy mountain saw us arrive at around the 4:30-ishpm mark. We quite did the spreading out thing setting up our own camps, but migrated back to Col, Leanne, Paul & Mel's camp for the twin fire pits for the night. The highlight of the night was the spotted quoll that ran into all of us sitting around the fires, and then did not want to leave. It scrounged around for food, grabbed and ate underneath the Maverick, then came back for more, and for pats from all of us.

It even jumped up into Colin's lap at one point looking for his beer. It was quite the surreal experience, not only to just be able to see one of these fairly rare animals up very close, but to have it being so tame and domesticated enough for us to pat it was truly something else.

It was a slow pack up in the morning, and story teller Dave decided to ditch the windie's on to Oxley highway only having three shocks, so called it, and drove back the same way in, then on to Walcha headed for home. The rest of the six vehicles left and headed the 60-ish plus kilometres through Werrikimbee NP towards Wauchope, took a bit of a shortcut to find one of the oldest bridges in NSW of that style, and then headed towards back home to Tamworth.
Was a great trip; has been on the trip calendar for a number of years, and the Oct long-weekend was the utmost ideal time to have such a trip. Thanks to everyone that tagged along.

Grassy Ridge Road

Werrikimbe National Park
Brushy Mountain Campground
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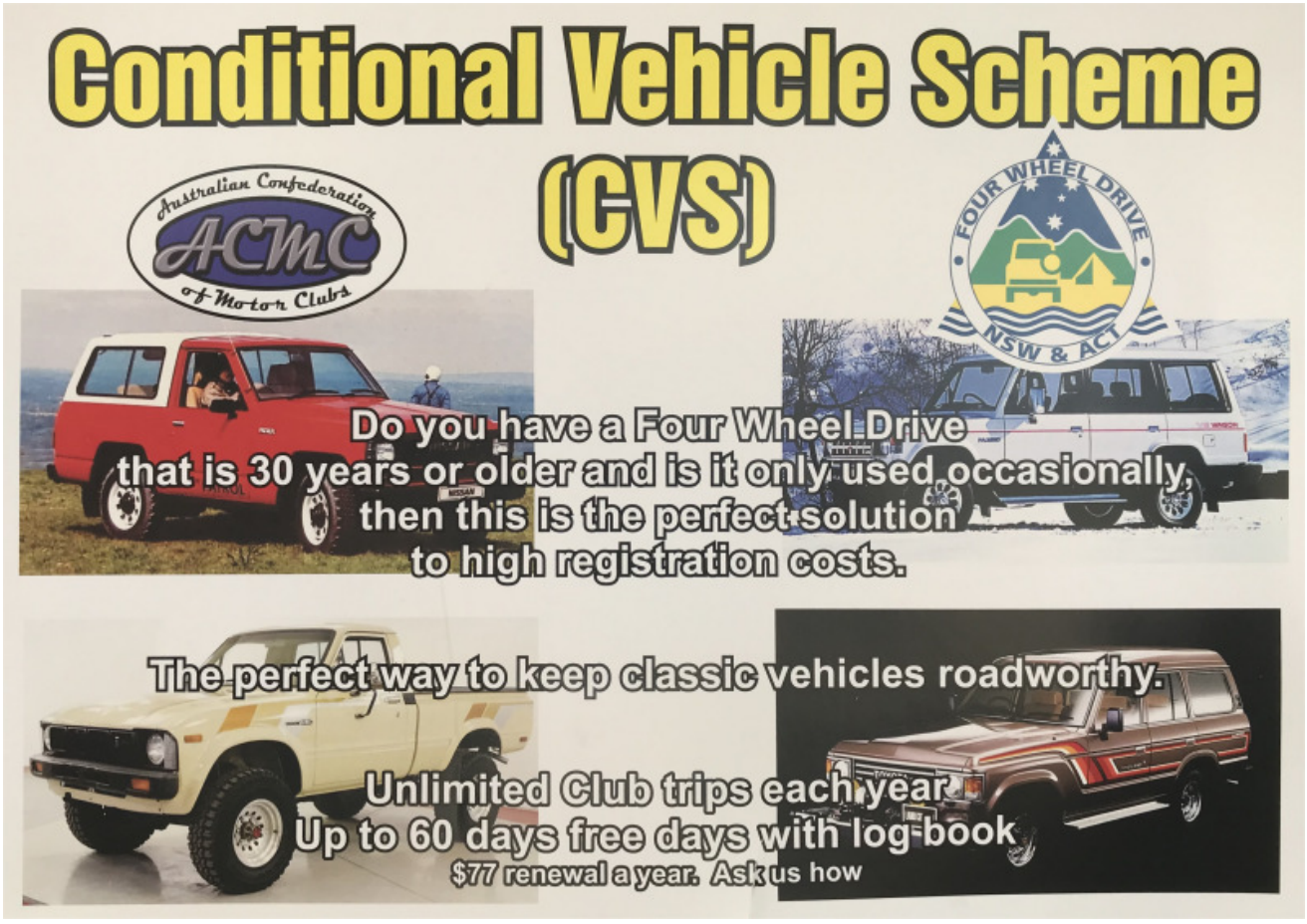
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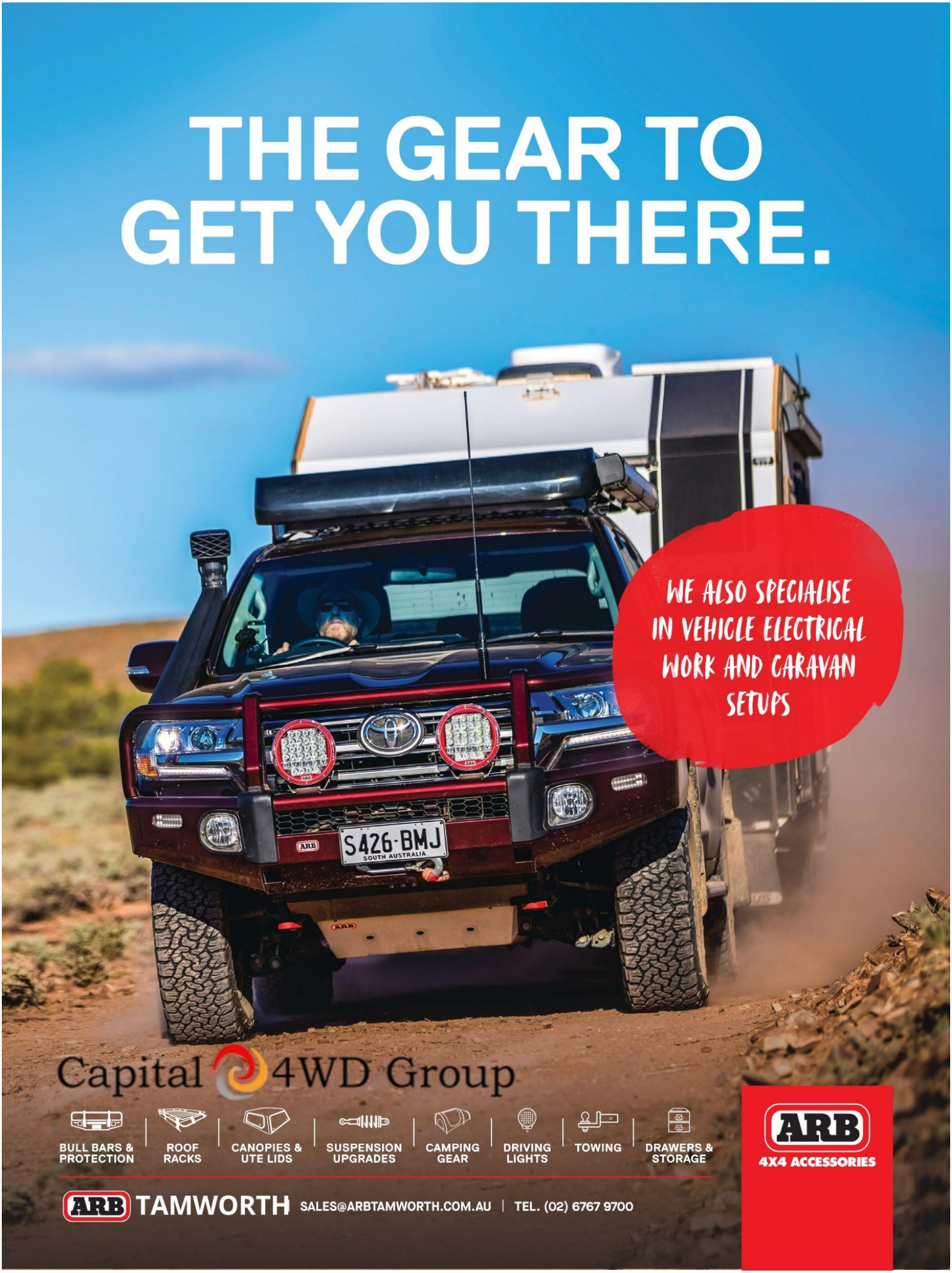
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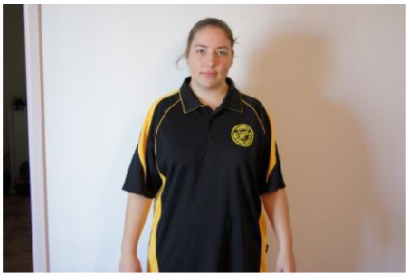
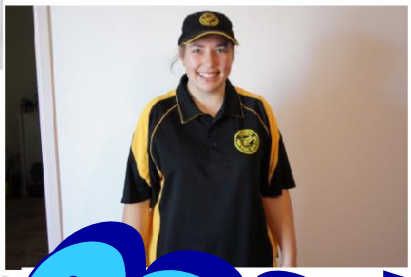
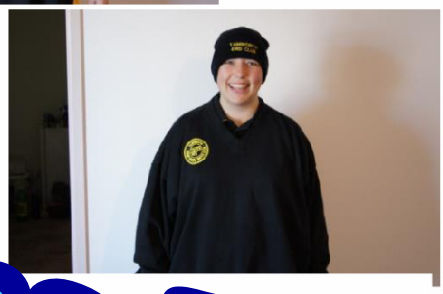
TJM 4X4 EQUIPPED

Trip Leader Responsibilities

- The trip leader is responsible for ensuring that the trip is conducted in a safe and responsible manner.
- All members who reserve a place in your trip should be recorded, their phone number and an emergency contact number taken. This will allow you to advise them if the conditions change or to contact Family in the event of n emergency.
- A reconnaissance trip and good maps and/or knowledge of the area are required to conduct a safe trip.
- Any permission for access needs to be obtained beforehand.
- It is your responsibility to decide if the weather conditions have altered the trip grading, as you may need to advise the participants before the trip.
- At the start point, introduce yourself, check-in all participants, collect the donation for Westpac Helicopter, check the correct equipment if necessary, and explain the nature details of the trip to all. Assign a main backup UHF channel at this point.
- Ask two older members to act as control vehicles. A “Rear Marker” and “Centre Marker” are usually best to help guide the convoy safely.
- Proceed at a legal pace that suits all participants, and keep in touch with your designated control vehicles to judge the convoy’s progress.
- It is your responsibility to assess the track conditions, and guide the group throughout the trip to ensure a safe and enjoyable outing.
- At the conclusion of the trip, check-off all participants and retrieve any loan equipment if necessary.
- Take donation money to next meeting and hand to treasurer.

Club Merchandise



See Leanne for new pricing

- $30 - [illegible]
- $40 - Hoodies
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- $30 - Jumpers
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Account Name : Tamworth 4WD Club

B.S.B.: 032-621

Account Number: 895405

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU PUT YOUR NAME AS THE REFENCE SO WE KNOW WHO THE MONEY IS FOR

MEMBERSHIP FORMS

All members will need to complete a membership form when paying their annual membership fees.

This helps to keep records updated on current members and for insurance purposes.

NEW FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT MEETINGS OR CONTACT THE SECRETARY

Email: tam4wdclub@hotmail.com
: dave.maunder@gmail.com
Phone (Dave) : 0429111017
(Dave) : 0429656363
(Leanne) : 0408605343

Family membership: $60/year

Tamworth 4wd Club Membership Renewal/Confirmation of Details

Surname: ……

First Name: …… DOB: ……

Partner's Name: …… …… DOB: ……

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☐ I wish to receive the newsletter by ordinary mail and not by email.

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Year: …… Registration: ……

Name of Relative/friend in case of emergency: ……

Emergency contact phone number: ……

Signature of Member: …… Date: ……

Signature of Partner: …… Date: ……

Please bring completed form along to the next club meeting and hand it to the secretary or send to

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Privacy Statement and Update of Member Details

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In order to comply with the Privacy Act and keep our records accurate, every club member needs to complete the following form and update their details:

Please answer the sections below and return ASAP:

Section 1

Please tick the statement with which you agree

☐ I/We hereby **give permission** for the Tamworth 4WD Club to include my personal details (name, address & phone? In the members list which is published each month in the newsletter and understand that copies of the newsletter are provided to club sponsors and other 4WD clubs. Or

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Names of Members:

_____

Member's Signatures:

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MEMBERS CONDUCT

If the conduct of any member shall, in the opinion of the Committee, be contrary to the welfare or interest of the Club, the member may be called upon to justify and explain such conduct to a special meeting of the Committee and, if after consideration at such meeting, a majority present is of the opinion that the conduct of such member is as charged, the Committee may caution, suspend or expel such member. Any decision shall be conveyed to the member in writing by the Secretary. If the member so cautioned, suspended or expelled by the Committee wishes they may appeal in writing to the Club and request a Special General Meeting of the Club to discuss such appeal. The Special General Meeting so called my reverse of alter the Committee's decision on a two thirds majority of the members resent at such meeting. Such decision of the Special General Meeting of the Club shall be final.

Just a gentle reminder !!!

Before leaving on any trip all participants should make sure you have a **-Snatch strap- Solid recovery points on your vechile- Rated Bow Shackles minimum of 3.25 - UHF radio, desirable- Fire Extinguisher.**

History of the Tamworth 4WD Club

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The Objectives of the Club

- To promote safety, friendship and courtesy, both ON and OFF the road, through training, community activities, club and family touring and camping activities
- To promote and encourage family social activities and organise club tours
- To conduct meetings and classes whereby members may obtain knowledge enabling them to become proficient in handling, navigation, care and maintenance of their vehicle
- And in particular to encourage and foster the activity of recreational four wheel driving and endeavor to establish same in the eyes of various Government Departments etc (in particular the National Parks and Wildlife Service, State Forest of N.S.W) as a recognised and responsible family past time.
- To actively encourage the conservation of Australia's natural environment

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